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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Reissue Applications

1. The amendment filed June 26, 2006 proposes amendments to the claims and specification that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b)<sup>1</sup>, which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

2. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1), a supplemental reissue oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) must be received before this reissue application can be allowed.

Claims 1- 23 are objected as being based upon a defective reissue oath under 35 U.S.C. 251. See 37 CFR 1.175. The nature of the defect is that 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1)(i) requires a supplemental oath with any amendment prior to allowance (emphasis added).

3. Receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 CFR 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this objection under 35 U.S.C. 251. An example of acceptable language to be used in the supplemental oath/declaration is as follows:

"Every error in the patent which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant."

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

In the claims parenthetic expressions are sanctioned for claims "changed" in the reissue. Only the patented claims are changed and would include parenthetical expressions if amended once or twice. Added claims are always submitted as "new claims", see the example (5) of MPEP 1453. Note that the entire new claim is provided with underlining and no parenthetical. Also applicant's remarks must explain the changes, 37 CFR 1.173(c). As to the title changes "strike-through" are permitted in amending reissues as in 37 CFR 1.121(b) (1) (ii).

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## Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner concerning the merits of the claims should be directed to David T. Fidei whose telephone number is (571) 272-4553. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mickey Yu can be reached on (571) 272-4562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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